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Baucus Announces Hearing On Elder Justice: Protecting Seniors from Abuse and Neglect

Hearing: Elder Justice: Protecting Seniors from Abuse and Neglect

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. **Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness List

Robert Blancato, President, National Committee for Prevention of Elder Abuse, Executive Director of 1995 White House Conference on Aging, Washington, DC;

Catherine Hawes, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College Station, TX;

Joanne Otto, M.S.W., Executive Director, National Association of Adult Protective Services Administrators, Boulder, CO;

Carmel Dyer, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, co-director of the Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute, Houston, TX;

Randolph Thomas, M.A., Law Enforcement Instructor, Section Coordinator for Domestic Investigations and Behavioral Services Unit, South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia, SC;

Richard Bonnie, J.D., Chair, Panel to Review Risk and Prevalence of Elder Abuse and Neglect, Committee on National Statistics of the National Research Council, Charlottesville, VA.

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Written Statements: Any individuals or organizations wanting to present their views on these hearings to the Committee are urged to submit a typewritten, single-spaced, single-sided statement, not exceeding 10 pages in length, for inclusion in the hearing record. The date and subject of the hearing must appear on the first page of the statement. Three copies of the statement should be mailed to the Editorial Section, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, Washington, D.C. 20510. Two copies should be mailed to Kolan Davis, Minority Staff Director, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Statements must be received no later than noon on Tuesday, July 2 2002. Written statements must also be submitted on diskette in a format that can be read by personal computers (Word perfect text is preferred; other formats will be accepted -- please identify format).